

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 10, 1896, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Beinn Bhreagh, C. B.
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1896. Dear Mabel:

Don't know quite how to answer your telegram of last night.

Mr. Ellis wanted to borrow \$800.00 to enable him to rent a house. After talking the matter over with you — I told him that we would rather give him \$200.00 outright than lend him \$800.00 — and I hoped that if we contributed this amount towards the furnishing of his house — he would be able to borrow the amount he wanted elsewhere. He seemed quite annoyed — and said he did not think he would be able to get the money — and would probably be obliged to board as before. Since then — not one word has passed between us upon the subject.

Your loving husband, Alec. Mrs. A. Graham Bell, Washington, D. C. P. S. Much pleased with new apparatus. In haste to catch the mail. A. G. B.